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OF THE

SELECTMEN, AUDITORS,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF HOPKINTON,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1872.

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AUDITORS' REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

1st. An account wherein they find chargeable with cash received in sundry ways, as follows:

Cash received Savings Bank tax,	\$1,683.87
Railroad tax,	384.72
Literary fund tax,	150.60
Agent of pauper farm,	26.40
County paupers,	351.25
Use of derrick,	47.00
Sale of powder,	6.80
Non-resident tax,	1.12
Sale of lumber,	1.50
Use of drills,	.38
	\$2,653.64

Which is accounted for as follows:

Paid into town treasury, as per Treasurer's receipts, \$2,653.64

2d. An account wherein they find the Selectmen charged with orders drawn on the Treasurer, amounting to \$19,455.88

Which is accounted for as follows:

School Districts.

Paid District No. 1,	\$204.32
" No. 2,	110.62
" No. 3,	106.56
" No. 4,	98.14
" No. 5,	91.90
" No. 6,	102.30
" No. 7,	104.36

Paid District No. 8,	77.34
“ No. 9,	81.52
“ No. 10,	189.66
“ No. 11,	131.42
“ No. 12,	77.34
“ No. 13,	91.90
“ No. 14,	81.50
“ No. 16,	77.34
“ No. 17,	77.34
“ No. 18,	87.74
“ No. 19,	112.70
“ No. 20,	158.46
“ No. 21,	66.62
“ No. 24,	71.10

\$2,200.18

Town Debts Paid.

Notes and interest,	\$9,585.31
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School House Tax.

Paid Samuel Spofford, District No. 6,	\$125.00
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State and County Taxes.

Paid State tax,	3,408.00
County tax,	1,883.90

\$5,291.90

Support of Paupers.

Paid Phebe Barton, support Hiram Straw,	\$104.00
Elvira Randall, support Georgia Randall,	60.00
J. N. Blodgett, aid to transient persons,	12.00
Scott Shepherd,	4.00
David Tucker,	3.00
John Blake,	3.00
Elsor Sawyer,	42.00
David B. Story,	1.50
J. S. Story, wood furnished Julia Lynch,	12.00
D. L. Gage, goods furnished Mrs. James Austin,	5.00
H. M. Dearborn, medical services rendered Miss Randall,	140.00
Moses Kezer, clothing for Geo. H. Ryon,	4.00
J. M. Morrill, for hat and conveying Geo. H. Ryon to poor farm,	1.75

Paid Marsh Richardson, articles to C. Flanders,	1.25
Manly A. Rowell, support of Rebecca R. Patch,	25.00
Susan Baker, support of Jane Walker,	12.00
J. M. Morrill, wood furnished Susan Baker,	5.73
Seth Webber, coffin robe, etc., for Mrs. S. W. Burbank,	9.50
James Colby, digging grave Mrs. Burbank,	2.50
N. D. Sleeper, attending Mrs. Burbank's funeral,	2.00
W. J. Chase, procuring coffin for Mrs. Burbank,	1.00
J. M. Morrill, cash to S. W. Burbank,	2.00
Amos Frye, care of town farm,	3.00
Geo. B. Hardy, carrying pauper to farm,	.75
Elsor Sawyer, agent town farm,	253.00
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	\$709.98

Repairing Roads and Bridges.

Paid Jacob Weeks, for 1870,	\$1.50
Joseph Richardson, for 1870,	3.00
Stephen D. Emerson, snowing bridge,	8.00
Newman L. Green, " "	4.00
" " planking bridge,	6.00
Amos H. Whittier, lighting bridge,	12.00
August Hadley, for 1870,	1.00
Harvey Chase, bridge plank,	93.69
Thomas E. White, snowing bridge,	5.00
Gage & Blake,	15.00
John L. French,	3.33
Seth Tuttle,	27.22
Thomas Hughes,	12.15
Alfred S. Hastings,	16.50
John S. Straw,	12.00
Barlow Upton,	3.00
S. W. Burbank,	3.00
Geo. W. Jackman,	4.50
Marsh Richardson, for 1870,	17.10
William Rogers,	6.30
Amos H. Davis,	10.22
Jonathan Eastman,	1.75
E. E. Currier,	29.24
J. S. Tuttle,	.50
Samuel Johnson,	13.25
Marsh Richardson,	9.40
J. M. Morrill,	3.00
Moses Colby,	3.00

Paid John A. Fuller,	3.00
Thomas Fagan,	3.50
Albert Holmes,	3.00
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	\$334.15

Miscellaneous.

Paid Morrill & Silsby, books and stationery,	\$10.48
E. B. Dunbar, care of town-house two years,	7.00
Ind. Press Association, printing report, 1871,	46.00
Lucy A. Lerner, storage of hearse,	5.00
Moses Story, repairing new cemetery fence,	4.12
Warde, Humphrey & Dodge, for derrick rope,	18.05
Cyrus Dustin, deed of cemetery and recording,	1.50
Calvin Tyler, labor, Blackwater cemetery,	4.00
W. S. & P. Davis, lumber, " "	6.82
Cyrus Dustin, labor and posts, " "	7.00
Geo. W. Piper, " boards, " "	.92
Concord city clerk, for certificate,	.25
S. D. Greeley, insuring town buildings,	24.00
R. F. Morgan, making school report,	3.00
" " services, horse hire, &c.,	16.00
Geo. B. Hardy, services and expenses,	7.00
H. W. Green, for auditors,	9.00
Geo. B. Hardy, services after settlement,	10.50
H. H. Crowell, " " "	8.00
Isaac Story, Lerner legacy,	25.00
Geo. B. Hardy, expense on settlement, 1871,	4.00
G. C. Blaisdell, certificates of births and deaths,	2.25
J. W. Wilson, " " " "	4.00
H. M. Dearborn,	2.00
Moses Story, labor on new cemetery,	2.25
Thomas Moran, draining pound,	2.00
Horace Chase, use of office,	3.00
Wm. P. Bailey, spikes, &c.,	6.45
D. L. Gage, recording marriages, births, and deaths,	21.25
" " making list of soldiers, stationery, &c.,	1.91
" " drawing and notifying jurors,	9.37
G. A. Curtis, balance on account, 1870,	3.92
J. M. Morrill, blanks, stamps, and express,	1.40
Bryant Symonds, repairing cemetery fence,	.75
James Colby, care of derrick, hearse, &c.,	3.50
H. M. Dearborn, posting notices,	6.50
Thomas Chase, for stationery,	8.00
" " returning non-resident tax,	3.00

Paid Samuel Johnson, padlock for pound,	1.00
G. C. Blaisdell, making reports and posting bills,	8.56
Cyrus Dustin, expenses,	11.90
J. M. Morrill, "	6.50
J. F. Jones, stationery,	1.50
" " oil and nails,	1.18
Thomas Chase, non-resident tax paid in labor,	27.12

 \$360.95

Damage to Sheep by Dogs.

Paid Rufus Putman,	\$10.00
Rufus P. Copps,	3.00
Lucius H. Tyler,	4.00
Francis J. Campbell,	10.00
Jonathan G. M. Foss,	15.00

 \$42.00

Town Officers.

Paid Cyrus Dustin, services as selectman,	\$119.36
Jacob M. Morrill, "	88.00
Samuel Johnson, "	28.00
John F. Jones, " treasurer,	40.00
David L. Gage, " clerk,	25.00
G. C. Blaisdell, " supt. school committee,	38.00
H. M. Dearborn, " " "	40.00
Geo. W. Knapp, " " "	16.00
John F. Jones, " bond commissioner,	12.00
Thomas Chase, " collector,	100.00

 \$506.36

Abatement of Taxes.

Paid David Seavey, list, 1868,	\$16.69
Thomas Chase, " 1870,	136.90
" " " 1871,	146.46

 \$300.05

 Total amount, \$19,455.88

The auditors find the accounts of the selectmen properly vouched and correctly cast.

GEORGE W. CURRIER, }
 WILLIAM COLBY, } *Auditors.*
 JOHN F. JONES, }

AUDITORS' REPORT OF TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

J. F. Jones in account with the town of Hopkinton, as Treasurer for 1871.

1st. A tax account wherein they find the Treasurer charged with taxes assessed for the year 1871, and committed to Thomas Chase for collection, \$12,600.59

Which is accounted for as follows:

Cash received of collector,	10,935.70
Taxes remaining uncollected,	1,664.89
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	\$12,600.59

2d. An account of Larned legacy, in which they find him charged with securities March 1, 1871, 500.00
Cash collected as interest, 30.00

\$530.00

Which is accounted for as follows:

Securities on hand March 1, 1872,	500.00
Interest collected and carried to cash account,	30.00
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	\$530.00

3d. Cash account in which they find the Treasurer charged as follows:

Cash as per settlement, March 1, 1871,	3,469.28
Securities " "	1,374.88
Interest collected on Larned legacy,	30.00

Cash received from J. F. Jones, Commissioner, for sale of bonds,	3,597.95
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Securities of collector town tax,	10,935.70
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Cash received of collector town tax,	1,664.89
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Saving Bank tax,	1,683.87
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Railroad tax,	384.72
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Literary fund,	150.60
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Support of county paupers,	351.25
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Whipple & Dow's tax,	1.12
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Use of derrick,	47.00
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Powder sold,	6.80
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Use of drills,	.38
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Lumber sold,	1.50
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M. F. Hoyt, agent town farm,	26.40
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\$23,726.34

Which is accounted for as follows :

Paid orders drawn by selectmen,	19,133.71
Interest on town bonds,	1,638.84
Securities due from town taxes,	2,033.19
Cash on hand as by settlement March 1, 1872,	920.60
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	\$23,726.34

The Auditors certify that they have carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEORGE W. CURRIER, } *Auditors.*
WILLIAM COLBY, }

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT OF TOWN BONDS.

Bonds sold by the commissioners in 1870,	21,500.00
“ “ “ 1871,	3,500.00
Accrued interest received in 1871,	70.42
“ “ “ 1871,	97.95
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	\$25,168.37

Which is accounted for as follows :

Cash paid into town treasury as exhibited by Treasurer's receipts in 1870,	21,570.42
Cash paid into town treasury as exhibited by Treasurer's receipts in 1871,	3,597.95
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	\$25,168.37

Amount of bonds sold,	\$25,000.00
Owned in town,	18,200.00
Owned out of town,	6,800.00
Cost of printing bonds,	65.00
Cost of printing notices, stationery, etc.,	4.50
Paid commissioners for services, 1870,	30.00
Paid commissioners for services, 1871,	12.00

JOHN F. JONES, } *Commissioners.*
JAMES M. CONNER, }

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Principal and interest against town, March 1, 1872,	\$18,158.62	
Bonds held against town, March 1, 1872,	25,000.00	
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		\$43,158.62
Securities due from town taxes,	\$2,033.19	
Cash on hand as by settlement,	920.60	
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		2,953.79
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Amount of indebtedness,		\$40,204.83

SELECTMEN'S REPORT OF THE PAUPER ESTABLISHMENT.

Hay, Stock, and Provisions.

2½ tons English hay,	\$87.50
7½ tons stock hay,	134.00
1 ton straw and corn fodder,	16.00
6 cows, 216.00; 17 sheep, 51.00,	267.00
2 hogs, 36.00; 38½ bushels oats, 24.64,	60.64
45 bushels corn, 45.00; 1 bushel peas, 1.50,	46.50
2½ bushels beans, 7.50; 4½ bushels meal, 4.50,	12.00
1¼ barrels pork, 32.25; 120 lbs. ham, 19.20,	52.45
140 lbs. shoulders and chaps,	11.80
75 bushels potatoes, 33.75; cider, 6.00,	39.75
1½ barrels vinegar, 12.00; 42 lbs. cheese, 6.30,	18.30
4 barrels ashes, 2.50; 12 lbs. lard, 1.56,	4.06
30 lbs. dried apple, 4.00; ½ barrel flour, 5.00,	9.00
1 bushel salt, .80; 1 gallon molasses, .60,	1.40
1 gallon kerosene oil, .32; 1 lb. tea, .90,	1.22
2 gallons boiled cider, 2.00; spices, .25,	2.25
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	\$763.87

1871.	<i>Pauper Establishment.</i>	Dr.
Mar. 1.	To real estate,	2,200.00
	Hay, stock, and provisions,	1,268.54
	Tools and furniture,	265.00
	Interest on real estate,	132.00
	Agent's salary,	275.00
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		\$4,140.54

Pauper Establishment—continued.

Dr. brought forward, \$4,140.54

1872.

CREDIT.

Mar. 1. By real estate,	\$2,200.00
Hay, stock, and provisions,	763.87
Tools and furniture,	265.00
Cash in agent's hands,	239.50
	<hr/> \$3,468.37

Balance against the establishment, \$672.17

CYRUS DUSTIN,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
JACOB M. MORRILL,	
SAMUEL JOHNSON,	
	} <i>of</i>
	} <i>Hopkinton.</i>

Hopkinton, March 1, 1872.

AGENT'S REPORT.

The undersigned, agent on the town farm, makes the following report, for the year ending March 1, 1872:

Produce Raised.

8 tons English hay, 12 tons stock hay, 5 tons straw and corn fodder, 263 bushels ears of corn, 111 bushels oats, 130 bushels potatoes, 20 bushels carrots, 2 bushels beans, $1\frac{1}{2}$ bushels peas, $1\frac{1}{2}$ bushels onions, 36 bushels apples, $3\frac{1}{2}$ barrels cider, 675 lbs. pork, 79 lbs. lard.

Receipts.

Hay, 9.60 ; calves, 18.00 ; hay, 25.00 ; butter, 12.50,	\$65.10
Potatoes, 8.00 ; cow, 40.00 ; pork, 3.00 ; oats, 1.80 ;	
wool, 27.00,	79.00
Lard, .80 ; butter, 7.00 ; beans, 4.00 ; hay, 15.00,	26.80
Candles, 1.00 ; beef, 2.00 ; butter, 7.00 ; pears, 2.00,	12.00
Lambs, 52.00 ; steers, 85.00 ; milk, 15.40 ; butter, 6.00,	158.40
Ox work, .50 ; horse work, .50 ; apples, 1.25,	2.25
Pork, 1.20 ; cider, 6.00 ; ox work, 4.50 ; horse work, 1.75,	13.45
Oak tree, 3.50 ; butter, 4.50 ; cow, 18.00 ; oats, 6.90,	32.90
Lard, 2.40 ; cheese, 2.25 ; oxen, 200.00 ; bark, 23.00,	227.65

Sheep, 6.00 ; use of buck, 2.20 ; labor, 1.92,	10.12
Pork, 4.70 ; tallow, .99,	5.69
Received of county for support of transient persons,	42.00

\$676.16

Expenditures.

10 bushels corn, 10.00 ; 1 bar soap, .20 ; beef, 1.20 ; 1 lb. tea, 1.00,	12.40
1 ox-cart axle, 3.00 ; grass seed, 7.50 ; garden seeds, .30,	10.80
Milk strainer, .45 ; matches, .55 ; tumblers, .37 ; clock, 4.50,	5.87
Sugar, 2.60 ; snuff, .18 ; tea, 1.10 ; tobacco, .80 ; salt, .30,	4.98
Saltpeter, .17 ; plough point, .85 ; fish, .93 ; pigs, 10.00,	11.95
Cows, 31.00 ; tobacco, 1.10 ; soap, .20 ; labor, 5.00 ; tea, 1.00,	38.30
Twine, .30 ; soda, .25 ; shearing sheep, 1.90,	2.45
Shoeing horse, 1.60 ; spices, .15 ; labor, 8.00 ; prints, 1.00,	10.75
Tea-pot, .30 ; blacksmithing, .45 ; tobacco, 1.50 ; tea, 1.80,	4.05
Salt, 1.10 ; soap, .24 ; haying tools, 3.68 ; scythe, 1.35,	6.37
Corn, 4.44 ; broom, .35 ; mustard, 45,	5.24
Pasturing oxen, 1.50 ; use of horse, 4.40 ; tea, .60 ; labor,	67.29
Tea, .90 ; matches, .50 ; flannel, 2.00 ; soap, 25,	3.65
Snuff, .15 ; thrashing, 7.77 ; tobacco, .80 ; crash, .50,	9.22
Tea, 1.80 ; lamp chimneys, .30 ; meal, 1.70 ; kerosene, .20,	4.00
Yarn, 80 ; spice, .10 ; nails, .50 ; blacksmithing, 1.40,	2.80
Knives and forks, 1.75 ; tobacco, .80 ; meal, 5.00,	7.55
Pasturing, 10.00 ; soda, .30 ; salt, .35 ; rice, .60 ; raisins, .67,	11.92
Soap, .30 ; tobacco, 1.50 ; meal, 1.65 ; bags, .80 ; school-books, 1.80,	6.05
Cloth, 3.00 ; buttons, .20 ; snuff, 15 ; meal, 3.70,	7.05
Sewing, 1.00 ; pepper, .10 ; labor, 22.00 ; tea, 2.30,	25.40
Starch, .17 ; blacksmithing, 2.50 ; oil-can, .60,	3.27
Kerosene, .40 ; landside to plough, 2.00 ; fish, 3.72,	6.12
Sugar, 12.34 ; candle-wicking, .08 ; broom, .49 ; cow, 22.50,	35.41
Molasses, .75 ; seed-corn, .70 ; starch, .12, sugar, 1.25,	2.82
Soap, .30 ; kerosene, .40 ; tobacco, .75 ; lamp chimneys, .20,	1.65
Tea, .85 ; sugar, 1.30 ; horse-shoeing, 1.80 ; tea, 1.10,	5.05
Coffee, 1.00 ; tobacco, .75 ; fixing cart body, 1.00,	2.75
Salt, 1.75 ; molasses, .75 ; kerosene, .40 ; nutmegs, .12,	3.02
Cow, 17.50 ; window curtains, 1.50 ; shoes, 1.50 ; matches, .60,	21.10
Tobacco, 1.50 ; raisins, .35 ; spices, .25 ; tea, 2.25,	4.35
Sugar, 1.10 ; files, .90 ; shoeing oxen, 3.50 ; flour, 36.50,	42.00
Sugar, 1.20 ; yarn, .75 ; kerosene, .40 ; hired girl, 4.00,	6.35

Taxes, 12.25; molasses, .75; saleratus, .10; tobacco, .80,	13.90
Soap, .12; tea, .60; crackers, 2.50; horse-shoeing, .90,	4.12
Tea, 1.60; sugar, 1.10; lamp-chimneys, .20; thread, .20,	3.10
Beef, 25.00; broom, .50; tea, .90; molasses, 1.75,	28.15
Use of bull, 2.00; lamb, 2.08,	4.08

 \$450.83

Cash in agent's hands, March 1, 1872,

239.50

 \$690.33

 ELSOR SAWYER, *Agent on Town Farm.*

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the citizens of Hopkinton :

Your committee have endeavored faithfully and impartially to discharge the duties devolving upon them, and to remedy many of the existing evils, which seemed likely to prove injurious to the interests and prosperity of our schools. To entirely rid ourselves of these present perplexities will require the support and assistance, on the part of the parents, which all called to teach have a right to expect, and without which often leads to misunderstandings and petty prejudices, which exist in many of our districts. It might not be called inhuman for the majority of us to suppose that a teacher, shut up in a school-room six or more hours in a day, should, occasionally, from some misdemeanor, find it necessary to inflict some trivial punishment, "which serves to correct rather than abuse," and naturally tends to enforce obedience, and adds materially to the government of the school. The disobedient scholar goes to sympathizing parents, and draws the outlines of a picture full of abuse and partiality, and makes an impression on that parent which too frequently brings forth improper denunciation towards the teacher, and kindles in the child a spirit of *insubordination*. In consequence of such a tale of woe, the indulgent parent takes his child or children from school ; and as many, at the present day, receive all the education they possess from our district schools, the child in this respect is wronged and abused, and his

opportunities lessened for future usefulness. And if, in after life, these parents wonder why their children, having the same advantages as their neighbors', are not up to their standard in education, the answer might be written in living characters—*Early and Indulged-in Disobedience.*

SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Most of the school-houses in town are comfortable and in good repair. In a few districts we would suggest that new ones might be built, or the old ones remodeled; and, for the convenience of the teacher, two good substantial chairs should be placed in each house.

GOOD SCHOOLS.

The indispensable conditions of a number one school are, a united and interested district, and pupils who attend school to learn. If more of the citizens would occasionally visit the school-room, showing by their presence an interest in the welfare of the school, it might have a tendency to do away with some of the fault-finding at the present day, which is now prevalent in some of our districts. We find, on examining the registers, very few visits credited to our Prudential Committees. This, we think, is not just to the teacher or the school. If these Committees should hire men to do their work, they would need to look after them to see if it was properly performed; and how much more carefully should the teacher be watched, lest errors be instilled into the young minds under their care. Early impressions at school are not easily erased from the memory; hence the great importance of selecting judicious and competent teachers. And we would hasten the day when the services of those who are improving the advantages of our State Normal School may be procured, and the high salary which they will command will be more freely paid them than the meagre pittance which has heretofore driven our best teachers away from home.

TEXT BOOKS.

It does n't matter so much about the text-books we use as the manner in which we study them, providing the author is a reliable one. We notice in some of our schools that Eaton's arithmetics are used, and as Greenleaf's have been used so many years, the former may be preferable. And we might add, that a change in geography would be beneficial (Guyot's being used at the present time). On account of the shortness of our terms of school, the scholar has hardly time to get any information concerning our own States and Territories, on account of the arrangement of this book. Potter and Hammond's writing-books have been introduced in some of our schools, and are considered superior to any previously used. We would recommend that they be used throughout the town.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS IN HOPKINTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1872.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer Term. Miss Fannie L. Burnham, of Dunbarton, teacher. This is the largest school in town, and one of the most difficult, requiring on the part of a teacher unusual patience and perseverance in order to accomplish moderately good results. Miss B. labored hard, and the scholars made more progress than might reasonably be expected. There are too many classes for one instructor, and this school ought to have two departments. D.

Winter Term. (Now in session.) Under the direction of Mr. Geo. W. Currier. Some improvements have been attempted, with a good degree of success. The teacher informs us that the instances of tardiness are made less than at some previous winter terms. The school appears to be doing well. We would repeat our remark that there are too many classes, and would suggest the same remedy. D.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Summer Term. Taught by Helen M. Tucker, of Contoo-

cook. This was Miss Tucker's first attempt at teaching, and proved a success. The school was governed by kindness, and scholars and teacher seemed very much attached. B.

Winter Term. Mr. Horace Brown, teacher. School appeared well at both visits. Those scholars who were loyal to the school government, manifested improvement in their studies. K.

The following is inserted by request of the district :

School District No. 2, in the Town of Hopkinton :

We, the undersigned residents and legal voters in said district, hereby certify that we are well satisfied with the labors of the teacher in the school-room ; and, in our opinion, the efforts of some of the citizens to injure the usefulness of the teacher, as well as the reputation of the district, and in disregarding the directions of the S. S. Committee, are deserving of censure.

Signed,

F. J. Campbell,		Anson White,
Wm. B. Whittemore,		Geo. W. Pierce,
Jonathan Eastman,		Langdon Brown,
Sidney F. Eastman,		H. D. Dustin,
Ephraim B. Symonds,		David Tucker,
Benj. A. Burns,		D. P. Dustin,
Edgar N. Taylor,		Samuel Dow,
Jonah Campbell.		

DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer Term. Miss Sonora A. Sargent, teacher. We were pleased to note the great improvement in school-room order at our last visit. The teacher remarks in her register, "I was well repaid for my labor by the regular attendance and prompt recitations of the scholars."

Winter Term. Mr. Arthur S. Calef, teacher. Mr. Calef is spirited, and infuses his spirit into his scholars ; has a pleasing and novel way in his instruction. The scholars did well in their studies. R. K.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Summer Term. Miss Clara A. Flanders, of Hopkinton, teacher. The closing examination of this school was quite sat-

isfactory, showing a good understanding of the branches studied, which could only result from well-directed labor. D.

Winter Term. Miss Clara A. Flanders, teacher. Miss Flanders is quiet, thorough, and systematic in her instruction. The scholars reflected well the characteristics of their teacher. K.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Summer Term. Miss Sarah C. Cilley, of Weare, teacher. Miss C.'s previous acquaintance with the school enabled her to regulate the studies at once and gain some valuable time thereby, a point of no little importance in a short term of eight weeks.

Second Term. Miss Hettie C. Foss, of Concord, teacher. With more energetic supervision the school might have made good advancement. D.

Third Term. Mrs. Nancie F. Watkins, teacher. The school improved greatly under the able direction of Mrs. W., who speaks very highly of her pupils in her register. This district is happily in possession of a comfortable school-house. D.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Summer Term. Taught by Mina A. Dearborn. With quiet determination—so effective in the school-room—the teacher labored to improve the school, not only by their advancement in books, but also by progress in self-government. The scholars seemed interested in their studies, and at the final examination appeared well. D.

Winter Term. Mr. E. Harvey Edmunds, teacher. We found, at our first visit, instructor and pupils hard at work; and the closing exercises at our last visit proved that they had continued to work to the end of the term. A desire for more weeks of school resulted in individual subscriptions for a private school, which is in session at the time of making this report, under the direction of the same teacher. Other districts are at liberty to profit in the future by this example. D.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Summer Term. Miss Linda M. Bohannon, of Hopkinton,

teacher. Miss B. worked well for the good of the school, and the closing day showed improvement, both in their deportment and studies.

Winter Term. Miss Alice F. Edmonds, teacher. Under the regulations of Miss Edmonds, who brought energy and experience to her aid, the school made good advancement.

Residents of the district manifested their interest in the school by visits during both terms. D.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Summer and winter terms under the instruction of Miss Eva F. Burnham, of Hopkinton. This school merits well its *high position*, and the district may be justly proud of its own teacher and good scholars. D.

DISTRICT No. 9.

One Term. Taught by Miss Mary Tyler, of Hopkinton. At our first visit we found the teacher earnestly and quietly at work to promote the interests of those placed under her care. This was Miss Tyler's first attempt at teaching, and in her own district achieved a success which would be creditable to many older teachers. B.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Summer Term. Rhoda W. Bartlett, of Warner, teacher. Miss Bartlett is a very thorough and competent teacher, and one who readily understands the need of the school; and under her instruction a profitable term ensued. B.

Winter Term. Taught by Chas. Gould, of Hopkinton. Mr. Gould is one of the oldest and one of the best teachers in town. The school was wide awake, and made excellent improvement in their studies. B.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Summer Term. Lydia B. Sanborn, of Warner, teacher. At our visits the school appeared well. The classes in Primary Arithmetic and Guyot's Geography deserve especial mention. The teacher was mild, faithful, and industrious, and her services were acceptable to the district. B.

Winter Terms. First term taught by Fred. M. Colby, of Warner. The school appeared well during the visits of the committee. For reasons better known to teacher and district than to the committee, the school closed at the end of six weeks.

B.

Second Term. Mr. Carlos F. Hardy, teacher. This school, under the instruction of Mr. Hardy, at once assumed a different character. The scholars became interested in their studies, and made wonderful improvement for a short term of nine weeks. We congratulate the district upon their success in securing the services of Mr. H., under whose instruction this became one of the best schools in town. The examination was very pleasant, and both teacher and scholars are deserving of much credit.

B.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Summer Term. Miss Helen J. Eastman, teacher. Some members of this school rank well as scholars, and made good progress; others, doubtless, would have been benefited by the exercise of more severe discipline. The school passed a pleasant examination, and the dilapidated condition of the school-house was improved in appearance not a little by the tasteful arrangement of evergreens.

D.

Winter Term. Henry D. Dustin, teacher. Mr. Dustin has the happy faculty of winning the love of both parents and pupils. This district needs a new school-house, and, in common with all district schools, should be provided with maps, charts, and a dictionary.

K.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Summer Term. Jennie E. Noyes, of Contoocook, teacher. This is one of the most quiet and easily governed schools in town. The scholars seemed disposed to learn, and took quite a liking to their books. Commendable progress was made in reading and in arithmetic. Questions were answered prompt and correct.

B.

Winter Term. Taught by Luther Clement, of Warner. Mr. C. taught a very successful term, and was earnest and per-

severing in his efforts to benefit his pupils. The examination was creditable to both teacher and scholars.

The teacher was presented with quite a number of beautiful presents from members of the school. B.

DISTRICT No. 14.

Summer Term. Miss Julia A. Morrill, teacher. We made but one visit. Miss Morrill is pleasant in the school-room, and takes hold of the new work well. K.

Winter Term. Miss Emma L. Connor, teacher. Miss Connor is awake, and the discipline of her scholars is like soldiers under drill. There has been little play in the school. K.

DISTRICT No. 16.

Summer Term. Taught by Miss Ella F. Underhill, of Concord. This was Miss Underhill's first term in town. At our visits the school appeared well, and the scholars were quiet and orderly. Good progress was made in the various studies pursued. B.

Winter Term. Miss Salome G. Chase, teacher. This is the first term of Miss Chase. She begins teaching young, but with courage, which seldom fails of success. The order and progress of her scholars is the index of future laurels in the school-room. K.

DISTRICT No. 17.

Summer and Winter Terms. Taught by Miss Nellie A. Sargent, of Hopkinton. Rarely is so much progress made in short periods of six and eight weeks as was evident at the close of the first and second terms. Both teacher and scholars must have been diligent. D.

DISTRICT No. 18.

Summer Term. Taught by H. Paulina Heath, of Contoocook. This was Miss Heath's second term in this district. The school was quiet and orderly, and quite an improvement was manifested in the method of teaching reading and pronunciation. B.

Winter Term. Taught by Miss A. Priscilla Elliott, of Webster. The school, under the instruction of Miss E., made excellent

progress in their studies. The teacher remarks in her register that the parents take a very lively interest in the affairs of the school, which adds greatly to its interest. B.

DISTRICT No. 19.

Summer Term. Taught by Miss Ella F Richardson, of Hopkinton. This is one of our best schools, and was taught by one of our best teachers. We found, at our first visit, a thorough and practical teacher, earnestly engaged in her work, and in a very tidy school-room. At the examination the school-room was beautifully decorated, and the scholars were prompt in their answers, and showed in reading the benefits derived from thorough drilling. The little ones had received a generous share of attention from the teacher, and did their part by way of declamation in a very pleasing manner. There was also a fine class in algebra. We congratulate that district on their good fortune, and whoever may hereafter secure her as a teacher. B.

Winter Term. Taught by Clarence A. Harvey, of Hopkinton. In this school Mr. Harvey again proved himself "apt to teach and competent to govern," and the school was a very decided success. The classes in algebra, arithmetic, and geography deserve much credit for their thoroughness and the promptitude which they exhibited at the final examination. B.

DISTRICT No. 20.

Summer Term. Taught by Mrs. Almira A. P. Ketchum, of Contoocook. Qualified by thorough scholarship and long experience for the task, this teacher deservedly takes a high rank in her noble vocation. With her orderly pupils she made herself at home, and the result of their united labors was a degree of advancement seldom exceeded in one term. B.

Winter Term. Taught by Miss Jennie E. Noyes, of Contoocook. Miss Noyes worked hard to promote the best interests of the school, and was quite successful. Instances of tardiness were quite too numerous. Only one parent visited the school during the term. B.

DISTRICT No. 21.

Summer and Winter Terms. Taught by Miss A. Priscilla Elliott, of Webster. Miss Elliott worked hard to promote the best interests of her pupils. The elementary rules in the various branches taught, received considerable attention. We noticed some very fine specimens of map-drawing upon the board. The teacher says in her register, that there was "not an instance of tardiness or of whispering during the term, without permission." This school also received additions from other districts, making the school much more interesting and pleasant. B.

DISTRICT No. 24.

Three terms. Taught by Miss Sarah U. Kimball, of Hopkinton. Miss Kimball fully sustained her reputation as a teacher. The school made good progress for the year, although illness in some families and change of residence in others diminished the number of pupils and somewhat interrupted the even course of the school. The visiting list speaks well for the interest of parents and others, as likewise do the remarks of the teacher in her register. D.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Term.	Names of Teachers.	Whole No. Scholars.	Average attendance.	School in weeks.	Wages of Teacher per month, including board.	Citizens' visits.	S. S. Com. visits.	Prud. Com. visits.	Times tardy.	Outline Maps and other Maps.
1	Summer.	Helen M. Tucker.	18	15	10	\$20.00	10	2	0	50	
2	Winter.	Horace F. Brown.	23	18	9	26.63 $\frac{2}{3}$	17	3	1	38	1 set.
3	Summer.	Sonora A. Sawyer.	15	14	8	19.00	18	2	0	17	
3	Winter.	Arthur S. Calef.	21	19	10	30.00	23	2	0	21	1 set.
4	Summer.	Clara A. Flanders.	12	9	9	24.00	33	2	1	9	
4	Winter.	Clara A. Flanders.	17	14	10	24.00	17	2	0	39	
5	Summer.	Sarah C. Cilley.	15	12	19-40	18.00	19	2	1	2	
5		Hettie C. Foss.	13	10	7	18.00	18	2	0	6	
5	Winter.	Mrs. Nancie T. Watkins.	10	9	7	18.00	17	2	2	5	
6	Summer.	Mina A. Dearborn.	19		9	19.00	26	2	0	31	
6	Winter.	E. Harvey Edmunds.	25	23	8	26.63 $\frac{2}{3}$	30	2	78	8	1 set.
7	Summer.	Linda M. Bohannon.	17	14	9	20.00	34	2	0	7	1 set.
7	Winter.	Alice F. Edmonds.	19	16	9	28.00	44	2	3	5	
8	Summer.	Eva F. Burnham.	8	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	18.00	14	2	0	1	1 set.
8	Winter.	Eva F. Burnham.	13	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	22.00	26	2	1	22	
9	Winter.	Mary Tyler.									
9	Summer.	Rhoda W. Bartlett.	37	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	30.00	21	2		55	
10	Winter.	Charles Gould.	45	41	10	\$2 pr dy	20	3	2	394	
10	Summer.	Lydia B. Sanborn.	24	20 89-106	11	18.00	22	2	2	90	
11		Fred M. Colby.	24	21 13-29	6	36.00	2	2	2	47	1 set.
11	Winter.	Carlos F. Hardy.	18	13 22-45	9	25.33 $\frac{1}{3}$	9	2	2	103	
12	Summer.	Helen J. Eastman.	9	8 $\frac{2}{3}$	9	16.00	11	2	1	24	
12	Winter.	Henry D. Dustin.	11	10 $\frac{3}{4}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	30.00	8	2	1	21	
12	Summer.	Jennie E. Noyes.	12	10 3-10	10	20.00				39	1 set.
13	Winter.	Luther J. Clement.	11	8 11-18	11	32.00	16	2		20	U.S. Map.
13	Summer.	Julia F. Morrill.	11	10	8	16.00					
14	Winter.	Emma L. Connor.	15	10	10	20.00	24	3	2	4	U.S. Map.
14	Summer.	Ella F. Underhill.	9	8	8	12.00	10	2		25	
16	Winter.	Salome P. Chase.	6	6	11	20.00	14	2	1		1 set.
16	Summer.	Nellie A. Sargent.	8	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	18.00	14	2	1	14	
17	Winter.	Nellie A. Sargent.	10	9	8	20.00	17	2		11	
17	Summer.	H. Paulina Heath.	11	10	8	19.00	23	2	1		
18	Winter.	A. Priscilla Elliott.	12	11 1-5	12	20.00	22	2	1		
18	Summer.	Ella F. Richardson.	20	18	8	20.00	16	2	0	15	
19	Winter.	Clarence A. Harvey.	20	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	30.00	13	2	20	23	
19	Summer.	Annira A. P. Ketchum.	31	22 16-83	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	24.00	12	2	1	29	
20	Winter.	Jennie E. Noyes.	34	42 31-34	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	28.00	27	3	2	108	
20	Summer.	A. Priscilla Elliott.	2	2	5	16.00	6	2	1		
21	Winter.	A. Priscilla Elliott.	6	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	9	19.00	21	2	1	3	
21	Summer.	Sarah U. Kimball.	15	12	11	24.00	20	2	1	10	
24		Sarah U. Kimball.	12	9		24.00	10	2	1	9	1 set.
24	Winter.	Sarah U. Kimball.	9	7	10	24.00	19	2	1	12	U.S. Map.

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